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Comments to the IGF Community Public Consultation: Taking stock of the 2018 work programme and 13th IGF and suggestions for 2019 and 14th IGF

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First of all, we highly appreciate the invitation to comment on IGF 2018 – we are sure, that collecting feedbacks and reacting to them is extremely important to ensure openness, transparency, grass-routing and inclusiveness of IGF.

Please find below our submission to two of your questions.

## **A) Taking Stock of 2018 programming, outputs, preparatory process, community intersessional activities and the 13th annual IGF: What worked well? What worked not so well?**

We participated in IGF 2018 remotely via registered Kyiv Remote Hub. Our Hub was organized by young members of our organization and for Ukrainian youth. That is why we focused on youth sessions and workshops.

Site did not work, but we were in very good contact with Luis Bobo (via email) and with Nadia Tjahja (via Facebook). So, we found all necessary rooms and even prepared our intervention for #37 EU Delegation to the IGF & Youth IGF Movement.

Unfortunately, we could not submit our contribution( The system of queries of remote participants did not work. We sent a lot of messages to Luis Bobo, and he in person delivered our request a floor to Yuliya Morenets, remote moderator of this session. This request was ignored.

Problems with IGF 2018 remote participation are obvious, and I do not want to reply others' comments. But the question is not only in remote participation. In 2017 I participated in the same workshop - EU Delegation to the IGF & Youth IGF – in person, and Yuliya Morenets also did not give me the floor, because I am old (very young Valerie Dubitska from our organization, Youth IGF-UA main co-ordinator, tried to participate remotely, but also without any success). After that session Michal Boni, who chaired EU delegation to IGF in 2017, accepted my invitation and came to Ukraine to participate in parliamentarian conference “Ukrainian Youth and Internet Governance from European perspective”. I am sure, that all EU representatives of this year workshop are interested in communication not only with “5 friends of Yuliya Morenets”, but with all other young participants of IG activity).

In Yuliya Morenets' report on her session there is no one word regarding remote participation. Why?

B) What suggestions for improvements could be made for 2019? (Please focus on programming, the outputs preparatory processes, community intersessional activities and improvements for the 14th annual meeting and beyond.)

1. To support and continue interaction between EU (CoE, ICANN, ISOC, RIPE etc.) representatives and youth.
2. To ensure inclusiveness of all interested parties in this interaction.
3. To improve the system of queries of remote participants (excellent idea!)
4. To prevent workshop's organizers, who ignored on-site or remote participants, to apply as organizer of workshop for the next year.
5. To not to demand to collect all remote participants in one room (Ukraine is a large country, our organization does not have enough resources to pay for tickets to Kyiv to participate in IGF remote hub. We can organize some sub-hubs in Ukraine).
6. To organize parallel on-line translation via Facebook and other platforms.